

October 1, 2008

To: Governor

From: Buddy B.

Re: Quote for Clarion-Ledger

Governor:

Sid asked for a quote from you on what hosting the debate successfully means to Ole Miss and to the State of Mississippi. He will include it in a Sunday Perspective piece. He needed something before noon today, so here's what I've given him (can try to revise if you wish):

“The debate was a spectacular achievement and showed Ole Miss to be what it truly is: a great American public university. Everything was first class all the way. The legacy of this debate lives in the overwhelmingly positive worldwide attention that will help replace old stereotypes with a refreshing new impression of Mississippi as a place where progress – economic, educational, cultural, racial – is demonstrably real.”